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Aloha Edition

For the past few weeks, Team RUSH has been hard at work. Our operations in the North Pacific have allowed us to continue to develop the professional relationships we established with both the Japan Coast Guard and the Chinese Fisheries Law Enforcement Command. Amidst all that, Team RUSH has been working diligently with personnel qualifications and shipboard drills. With the patrol winding down and a busy inport period ahead of us, Team RUSH is already ahead of the game, planning for our upcoming Tailored Annual Cutter Training evaluation (TACT) and our next patrol.

As we end another successful patrol, we reflect on the many accomplishments that Team RUSH has achieved throughout the past three months. From professional international exchanges to historic visits, Team RUSH has represented the U.S. and the United States Coast Guard with honor, respect and devotion to duty.



High Seas Exchange

After a three-day stop in Yokosuka, Japan, Team RUSH was back underway to kick off the fourth and final phase of our current deployment in support of the North Pacific Coast Guard Forum. Working closely with Coast Guard District Seventeen in Alaska, RUSH was tasked to interdict and enforce regulations on vessels involved in illegal high seas driftnet (HSDN) activity. A part of the mission of the North Pacific Coast Guard Forum is to enhance the interoperability of forces throughout the North Pacific region to provide a safe ocean for all mariners. This includes ensuring that necessary measures are being applied to fight against illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing activity. The U.S. Coast Guard has led these efforts with routine patrols by both ships and aircraft to

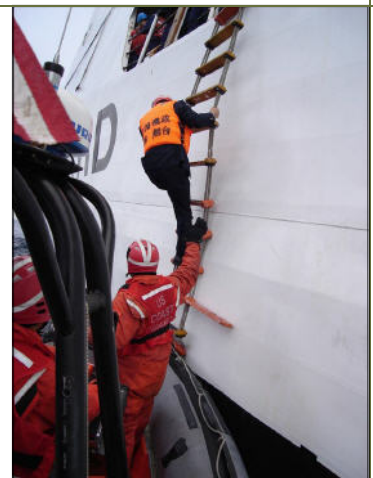
detect, monitor, and prosecute vessels of interest. Along with Coast Guard aircraft from both Alaska and Hawaii, RUSH spearheaded the law enforcement presence in the North Pacific for these combined operations.

As we left Japan, plans were being finalized for a first-ever combined operation with a Japan Coast Guard aircraft to detect illegal fishing activity in the North Pacific. A successful day of operations with the aircraft helped solidify our working relationship with the Japan Coast Guard and allowed both Coast Guards to work closely together. The partnership also paved the way for future operations for both Coast Guards in the interest of maritime safety.

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From left to right: ENS Jennifer Lopez climbs down the Jacob's Ladder onto the Cutter Boat-Over The Horizon to spend a couple of days onboard a Chinese Fisheries Law Enforcement Command (FLEC) vessel; BM2 Paul Seyler makes his way down to a Chinese FLEC small boat to spend a couple of days onboard a Chinese FLEC vessel; A member of the Chinese FLEC climbs aboard RUSH for a couple of days underway with Team RUSH





CAPT Dana Ware addresses members of the Chinese FLEC on issues concerning maritime safety and law enforcement



Third Class Cadet Michael Wu assists as an interpreter for the Chinese FLEC and RUSH's Command officials



An International Partnership

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Within full swing of underway operations, Team RUSH took a break to honor our nation's independence on the 4th of July. Amidst a breathtaking sunset, Team RUSH lit up the night sky with signal flares as the Gunner's Mates conducted pyrotechnics training for crew members and Seaman Food Service Specialist Casey Drake brought the crew to tears with a moving rendition of our national anthem. It was a day of humbleness and pride for each crew member to reflect once again on the efforts of our forefathers to find this great nation, honor those who have fallen in the name of freedom and take great pride as members of the U.S. Armed Forces.

Following was a combined patrol with two patrol vessels from the Chinese Fisheries Law Enforcement Command (FLEC). This professional exchange highlighted developing cooperation between the United States and China in fisheries enforcement. The Chinese FLEC has conducting high seas operations in

the North Pacific for several years. Their goals of being a responsive flag state and enforcing fisheries law coincide with those of the U.S. Coast Guard.

Our professional exchange with the Chinese FLEC patrol vessels involved numerous personnel exchanges where selected members of Team RUSH were given the opportunity to experience life aboard a Chinese law enforcement vessel for a few days. Those who were given the opportunity to take part in the personnel exchange relished in the chance to interact with Chinese FLEC members and conduct professional exchanges between the two services. The same opportunity to spend a few days with Team RUSH and experience life underway aboard a U.S. Coast Guard Cutter was given to members of the Chinese FLEC. Newly-formed working relationships with members of the Chinese FLEC were strengthened as they participated in live

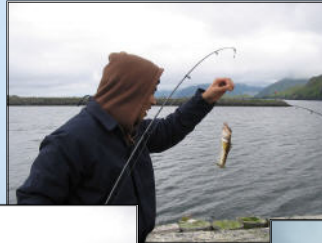
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CAPT Dana Ware, CDR Dwight Mathers and LT Paul McConnell take a photo on the fantail with members of the Chinese FLEC as a Chinese FLEC vessel steams in the background

Next Stop:

Adak, Alaska



Clockwise from left: SNFS Casey Drake, FS2 Robert Martinez and SN Ashlee Reynolds help unload supplies from an Air Station Kodiak HC-130 aircraft; OS2 Damien Porras-Montiho shows off his catch of the day; Members of Team Rush take a quick photo during Special Sea Detail; Crew members enjoy the wilderness of Adak; Team RUSH enjoy each other's company at a local pub; YNC Shawna Ward and BOSN2 Michael Gephardt take a quick photo during liberty; BM3 Malia Chasteen practices driving the Motor Surf Boat with help from BMC Kent Swansburg; ENS Zachar Huff, First Class Cadet Raphael Sadowitz and First Class Cadet Jonathan Ladyga head out to explore Adak

Messcooks For A Day

The role of a messcook is to provide support for the Food Service Division as they maintain the galley and provide meals for the crew, both inport and underway. The job, given monthly to non-rated personnel, requires much discipline and long hours to ensure that Team RUSH is provided with a sterile and healthy environment to enjoy their meals. Feeding a crew of 150 personnel requires the teamwork and efforts of the Food Service Division and the assigned Messcooks.

One day, however, the tables were turned as Team RUSH selected four "Messcooks For A Day," by which crew members could submit a vote for one dollar to see who they would like to take on this daunting task for a day. At the end of the friendly competition, Ensign Adam Paul, Petty

Officer Manuel Montoya, Petty Officer Joseph Daigle and Petty Officer Javier Deleon were elected to assist in the Messcook duties for a day. Their duties involved serving the meals to the crew, scrubbing dishes in the Deep Sink and Scullery and preparing meals for the Chief's Mess and Wardroom personnel.

All proceeds supported RUSH's Morale Fund. The elected Messcooks had fun taking part in the competition and learned a rather different aspect of life at sea.



Top: ENS Adam Paul and BM1 Manuel Montoya serve up lunch with a smile
Bottom: SN Ashlee Reynolds and ENS Adam Paul get ready to serve dinner on Morale Night



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firing exercises and underway watch-standing. The lessons learned from both the Chinese FLEC and Team RUSH during our close operations will go a long way to further maritime relationships between China and the United States.

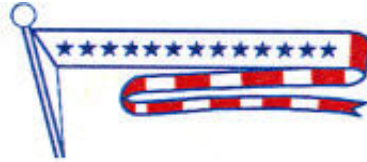
After a week long engagement with the Chinese FLEC, it was time to depart for our next port of call in Adak, Alaska. As the temperature dropped slowly everyday, it was evident that we were nearing the Last Frontier. As we made our way through the Aleutian Island chain, Team RUSH took advantage of the excellent fishing during a Fish Call. It wasn't long before fish were hooked and landed on deck, including a sizeable Pacific Cod caught by Petty Officer Robert Ford! The Fish Call set up a well-deserved patrol break in Alaska.

Guided by Ensign Adam Paul as the Conning Officer, RUSH made an early morning entry into the port of Adak. A former Naval base closed in the mid-nineties, the town of Adak is a small fishing village located on it's namesake island near the end of the Aleutian Island chain. Home to a local population of approximately 70 permanent residents, the town of Adak is well known for its history and scenery. With former naval structures still intact, the proof of a once bustling Navy base was still very evident. Team RUSH took the chance to explore the numerous outdoor adventure opportunities and check out the local store and restaurant. Some took time to engage in more of the great fishing, while others enjoyed some volleyball at the local gym. We also welcomed new members reporting of Team RUSH and

said goodbye to shipmates who were transferring to different commands. All in all, Adak hosted a relaxing port of call for many to enjoy and take a break from our current operations.

After leaving Adak, it was time for Team RUSH to continue its mission in the North Pacific against illegal fishing activity. With the deployment winding down and the anticipation of returning home to Hawaii high amongst the crew, it's a good time to reflect on all that Team RUSH has accomplished thus far. With successful professional exchanges in both Japan and the Republic of Korea and a historic visit to the People's Republic of China, Team RUSH has set a new standard for the U.S. Coast Guard in these foreign nations. We have represented the United States and the Coast Guard favorably and have executed all of our mission objectives with pride and professionalism. Our roles as U.S. Ambassadors have strengthened ties with our partners in Asia and have enhanced the American contribution to the North Pacific Coast Guard Forum.

As Team RUSH gets ready to return home, we bring back with us stories of success, a mission complete, and a job well done. Closing another glorious chapter in RUSH's fine history, we have taken part in a monumental and historic deployment which has allowed the world to see and experience the fine work Team RUSH accomplishes everyday. As our motto states, "Kia'i Kai No Ka Oi," we have once again proven that we are the best in the Coast Guard, a title we are proud to hold 



The Commanding Officer

USCGC RUSH (WHEC-723)

*Requests the pleasure of your company at the
Change of Command Ceremony at which*

CAPTAIN DANA E. WARE, USCG

will be relieved by

CAPTAIN PETER J. BERGERON, USCG

On Friday, the twenty-fifth day of August

Two thousand and six at eighteen hundred hours

Pier Charlie, United States Coast Guard ISC Honolulu, Hawaii

Reception at ISC Pavilion to follow

R.S.V.P. by 11 Aug 2006
Email: ENS Hague, mhague@rush.uscg.mil

Participants: Full Dress White
Guests: Military—Tropical Blue Long or equivalent
Civilian—Aloha Attire

Changing of the Guard

USCGC RUSH honors a legacy and welcomes it's 21st Commanding Officer

On August 25, 2006, Captain Dana E. Ware will be relieved by Captain Peter J. Bergeron after a successful two-years as Commanding Officer of USCGC RUSH (WHEC 723). As the Senior Commanding Officer Afloat in the Coast Guard, Captain Ware has led Team RUSH through two counter-narcotic patrols in the Eastern Pacific, one Domestic Fisheries law enforcement patrol in Alaska, one drydock availability period, one Tailored Annual Cutter Training evaluation, Operation Northern Edge 2004 in the Gulf of Alaska, Operation Rim of the Pacific 2004 in Hawaii and one Pacific Rim Combined Operations patrol to include the first ever North Pacific Coast Guard Forum Multilateral/Multi-Task Exercise and a historic visit to the People's Republic of China. Under his command, RUSH earned many accomplishments, awards and recognition including the 2004 Coast Guard Pacific Area Gunnery Award and the 2006 Coast Guard Food Services Association Award for Large-Afloat Galley of the Year. Captain Ware will continue his service in the Hawaiian Islands as the Coast Guard Liaison to the U.S. Pacific Command in Honolulu.



Captain Dana E. Ware

COMMANDING OFFICER
USCGC RUSH (WHEC 723)

2004 - 2006

Dear Friends and Family of RUSH,

I wish to extend my sincerest thanks for all the support you have shown your loved ones on TEAM RUSH as they made history during this Pacific Rim Deployment. It has been my honor and privilege to lead this crew not only for our voyage to Asia, but on every deployment the RUSH has sailed since I took command in May of 2004.

As you may have heard, CAPT Peter J. Bergeron will be the next Commanding Officer of RUSH. The Change of Command is scheduled for 1800 Friday, 25 August, 2006 at ISC Honolulu. If you can make it, I'd love to have you join us that evening. Please RSVP by 11 Aug to ENS Meghan Hague at mhague@rush.uscg.mil or by calling the ship at 808-842-2870.

I wish each and every member of this crew fair winds and following seas. I would be honored to sail with them any day. Again, thank you for your continued support as we serve our country and the United States Coast Guard.

Semper Paratus

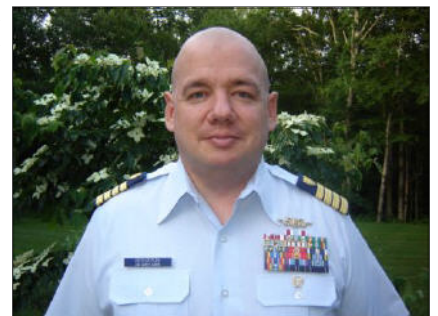
CAPT Dana E. Ware



Spotlight: Captain Peter Bergeron

Captain Bergeron is a Coast Guard cutterman and Intelligence Officer reporting to USCGC RUSH after completing a tour as a Fellow at the Chief of Naval Operations, Strategic Studies Group at the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island. His previous sea duty assignments include serving as Commanding Officer of USCGC SPENCER (WMEC 905), Executive Officer of USCGC VALIANT (WMEC 621), Commanding Officer of USCGC NUNIVAK (WPB 1306), Commanding Officer of USCGC POINT MARTIN (WPB 82379), and as a Deck Watch Officer aboard USCGC GALLATIN (WHEC 721). During his tour as Commanding Officer of USCGC SPENCER, Captain Bergeron participated in Caribbean UNITAS and led the crew of USCGC SPENCER on a Mediterranean deployment in support of OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, conducting maritime interdiction operations and special operations support for the U.S. Navy Sixth Fleet.

Captain Bergeron's shore assignments include Special Assistant to the Commandant, Program Manager, and Intelligence Officer for the White House Military Office in direct support of the President, Chief of Intelligence Collection Programs for the Seventh Coast Guard District, and Operations Officer at Vessel Traffic Service at Houston/Galveston.



Captain Bergeron is a 1983 graduate of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Government. He also earned a Master of Science in Strategic Intelligence from the Defense Intelligence College, and a Masters in Business Administration from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology as a member of the Sloan Fellows class, 2002.

His personal awards include the Joint Meritorious Service Medal, CG Meritorious Service Medal (2), CG Commendation Medal (4), CG Achievement Medal (3), Presidential Service Badge, and the Service Badge for the Commandant of the Coast Guard.

Captain Bergeron is married to the former Deborah Clark of Groton, Connecticut and they have 2 children, David (21) and Alyssa (18).

ENS Rebecca Boice - USCG Academy, New London, CT **W e l c o m e A b o a r d !**

ENS Nicholas Woessner - USCG Academy, New London, CT

F&S2 Randall Litka - USCGC MORGENTHAU, Alameda, CA

ELC2 Steven Pfister - USCG Electronics Support Unit Miami, FL

GMC Kenneth Dix - USCGC SHERMAN, Alameda, CA

YNC Shawna Ward - USCG Sector San Francisco, CA

MK1 Lee Lowery - USCGC MACKINAW, Cheboygan, MI

ET3 Matthew Woeller - Electronics Technician "A" School, USCG Training Center Petaluma, CA

MK3 Keith Edwards - Machinery Technician "A" School, USCG Training Center Yorktown, VA

SNOS Aaron Mahoney - Operations Specialist "A" School, USCG Training Center Petaluma, CA

SN Timothy Batterson - Norfolk, VA

SN Nina Hagan - Brown's Mills, NJ

Aloha!

F A I R W I N D S
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LTJG Walter Daniel - USCG District Fourteen Finance Branch, Honolulu, HI

LTJG David Pizurro - USCG Command and Control Center, Portsmouth, VA

LTJG Sean Murray - USCG District Five Planning Branch, Portsmouth, VA

LTJG Lili Butterworth - USCG Electronics Logistics Command, Baltimore, MD

BOSN2 Michael Gephardt - USCGC WALNUT, Honolulu, HI

F&S2 Cheri Yancey - USCG Sector New Orleans, LA

FS1 Donald Lewanski - USCG Integrated Support Command Honolulu, HI

YN1 Kevin Farnady - USCG Air Station Barbers Point, HI

OS1 Peni Motu - USCG District Fourteen Incident Management Branch, Honolulu, HI

OS2 Erik Villanueva - USCG Central Security Service, San Antonio, TX

OS2 Russell Gallimore - USCG Central Security Service, Denver, CO

OS2 Kareem Smith - Communications Area Master Station Atlantic, Chesapeake, VA

MK2 Scott Reed - Civilian

ET2 Brian Replogle - USCG Navigation Center West, Petaluma, CA

ET3 JonElijah Maravilla - USCG Electronics Support Unit Honolulu, HI

HS3 Stephanie Jones - U.S. Navy Independent Duty Corpsman School, San Diego, CA

ET3 Timothy Willis - Civilian

SN Ryan Buckingham - Machinery Technician "A" School, USCG Training Center Yorktown, VA

SN Eric Shadowen - Operations Specialist "A" School, USCG Training Center Petaluma, CA

SN Jesse Dixon - Damage Controlman "A" School, USCG Training Center Yorktown, VA

FN Amber Barrick - Health Services Technician "A" School, USCG Training Center Petaluma, CA

LTJG Lili Butterworth - Qualification as Underway Officer of the Deck

ENS Zachary Huff - Qualification as Boarding Officer, Coast Guard Sea Service Ribbon Award

ENS Stacey Dawson - Qualification as Boarding Officer, Coast Guard Sea Service Ribbon Award

ENS Meghan Hague - Coast Guard Sea Service Ribbon Award

ENS Jennifer Lopez - Coast Guard Sea Service Ribbon Award

BMC Kent Swansburg - Qualification as Underway Officer of the Deck

BM2 Joshua Tobosa - Qualification as CB-OTH Coxswain

BM2 Paul Seyler - Qualification as Boarding Team Member, Qualification as CB-OTH Coxswain

OS2 Jesus Cacapit - Combat Information Center Watch Supervisor

OS3 Michael Brown - Combat Information Center Watch Supervisor

OS3 Javier Deleon - Combat Information Center Watchstander

OS3 James McIlwain - Combat Information Center Watchstander

OS3 Joshua Gonzales - Combat Information Center Watchstander

GM3 Tor Eystad - Qualification as Boarding Team Member

OS3 Jason Ballesteros - Advancement to E-4

SN Blakely Barnes - Qualification as Boatswain's Mate of the Watch

SN Matthew Rincon - Qualification as Boatswain's Mate of the Watch

SN Casey McDonough - Advancement to E-3

SN Daniel Norris - Advancement to E-3

SN Sherman Baldwin - Advancement to E-3

CREW
Achievements

OS1 James Ausmus sends: Jolene and Ivy- Dad is on the way home! I'm so excited to see you gals and eager to hear all about the your trip to Texas. Thanks for supporting me through this deployment! I love y'all! Jimbo

OS3 Atraya Stacy sends: Hey all, I hope that you are doing well. I love you all and I miss you guys!

YN1 Kevin Farnady sends: To Kristin: Love you, can't wait to see you when we get back, even though it is only for a few days. Good luck on your engine trials. Just think, when you get back our little monsters will be there. Mom and Dad, I miss you both. Hope all is well. Tell Teresa and Cameron that I miss them also.

SK1 Ifong Lee sends: Honey, I will be home very soon and you BEST be ready for my arrival!! LOL!! I love you and the kids so much and I just cannot wait to be home. Thank you for taking care of our family and all our personal business. I appreciate it very much. I LOVE YOU AND GOD BLESS!

OS1 Peni Motu sends: Mom and Dad, well, here it is , last one in the bag. Fa'afetai lava for the prayers and the inspiration. BB and Joe - congratulations! I'm blessed to hear God has brought you both together in marriage. I only wish I could have been there. Oh well, the dolphins, sea gulls and mahimahi send our love from the ocean! To my big sis Tia, hang in there. You'll prove those guys just what God has in store for you. Stay strong! And finally, to my church family - thank you for lifting me and the crew up in constant prayers. I look forward to your fellowship once again. By the way, you guys better be on that pier or else! To my sisters Zane and Wikel over at Sector Honolulu - we can finally go hang out, I promise! You better be on the pier Jess and Barbie! And watch is no excuse! Remember, Power size Peach Pleasure with banana and cherries - chunky and hold the boost! Ha!

OS3 Joshua Gonzales sends: Hello Gonzales family, well just wanted to say hi and let you know that I'm doing good and I can't wait to come home!! Hi Pops, Grandma, Mom, Dad and the rest of the HUGE Gonzales family. I'm coming home soon and can't wait to make a BIG fire at Pop's house and Uncle Danos!!! Much love to everybody! Talk to you all soon! Love, Josh

FN Amber Barrick sends: Hey Mom and Daddy, I miss you so much and can't wait to see you. Matt, quit going through all the girls, you're going to break all their hearts! =) Hehe, take care of my lil' girl. She's still my world. Love you Zoey Marie!

SNOS Aaron Mahoney sends: Hi Mom and Dad, thank you for everything and I will see you soon.

CDR Dwight Mathers sends: Julianna - We're almost done! I look forward to seeing you, Anna, and Thomas on the pier when we return to Honolulu. Hang in there, you've been doing a great job. Love, Dwight.

BMC Kent Swansburg sends: Carly, Daddy will be home in a couple of weeks. I love and miss you and Mommy. Hello to everyone. I hope everyone is rested up and ready to play. Honey, continue to work on your stretches..

OS2 Glenn Jimenez sends: I'd like to send a warm greeting to my beautiful mother Corazon, who's always looking out for me and makes sure I'm doing good, my father Mario who provides me with unconditional support and my sister Johna for being a good friend who always remembers to keep in touch. Take care, see you in September. Love, Glenn

BM1 Manuel Montoya sends: Mary and Dylan, well here we come! I can't wait to be home with you both. Dylan we need to try out the water scooter. Mary I love you and I'm counting the days. Keep the beer cold MJ give little M a big hug for me. I miss you all soo much. See you soon. I love you Dylan.

A Note from the Public Affairs Officer

Dear RUSH family and friends,

My name is Ensign Meghan Hague and I am the new Public Affairs Officer on board RUSH. Aside from RUSH HOUR, we have several other avenues to keep you well informed of the events that take place on board. Please feel free to visit our website at www.uscg.mil/pacarea/rush for news and information regarding your friends and family members serving on RUSH. You can also follow along with RUSH by visiting Fred's Place at www.Fredsplace.org. Also, the latest press releases regarding our current patrol can be found at www.uscgpacificarea.com.

If you're in Hawaii this summer, don't forget to join us at Coast Guard Day 2006 at Hawaiian Waters Adventure Park in Kapolei on August 4. Come share in the festivities with Team RUSH as well as other Coast Guard service members island-wide as we commemorate 215 years of fine service to our country.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (808) 842-2870 or by email at mhague@rush.uscg.mil.

Aloha,
Ensign Meghan Hague

RUSH *Hour*



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